

## **Effects of pretreatments of Napier Grass with deionized water, sulfuric acid and sodium hydroxide on pyrolysis oil characteristics**

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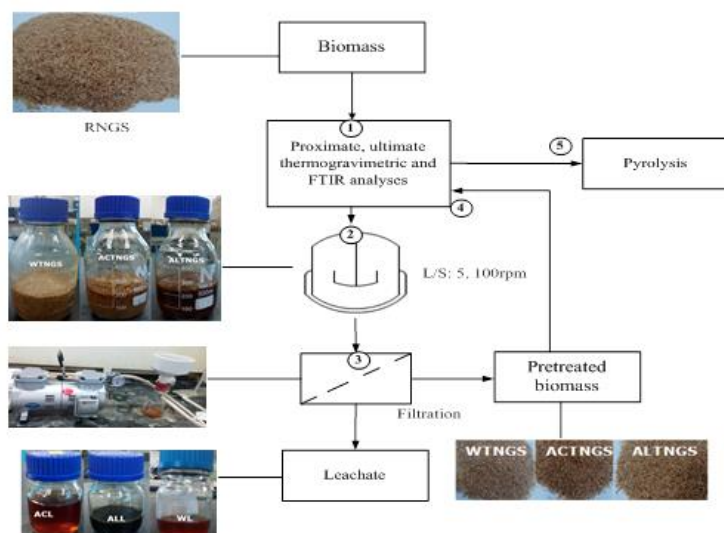
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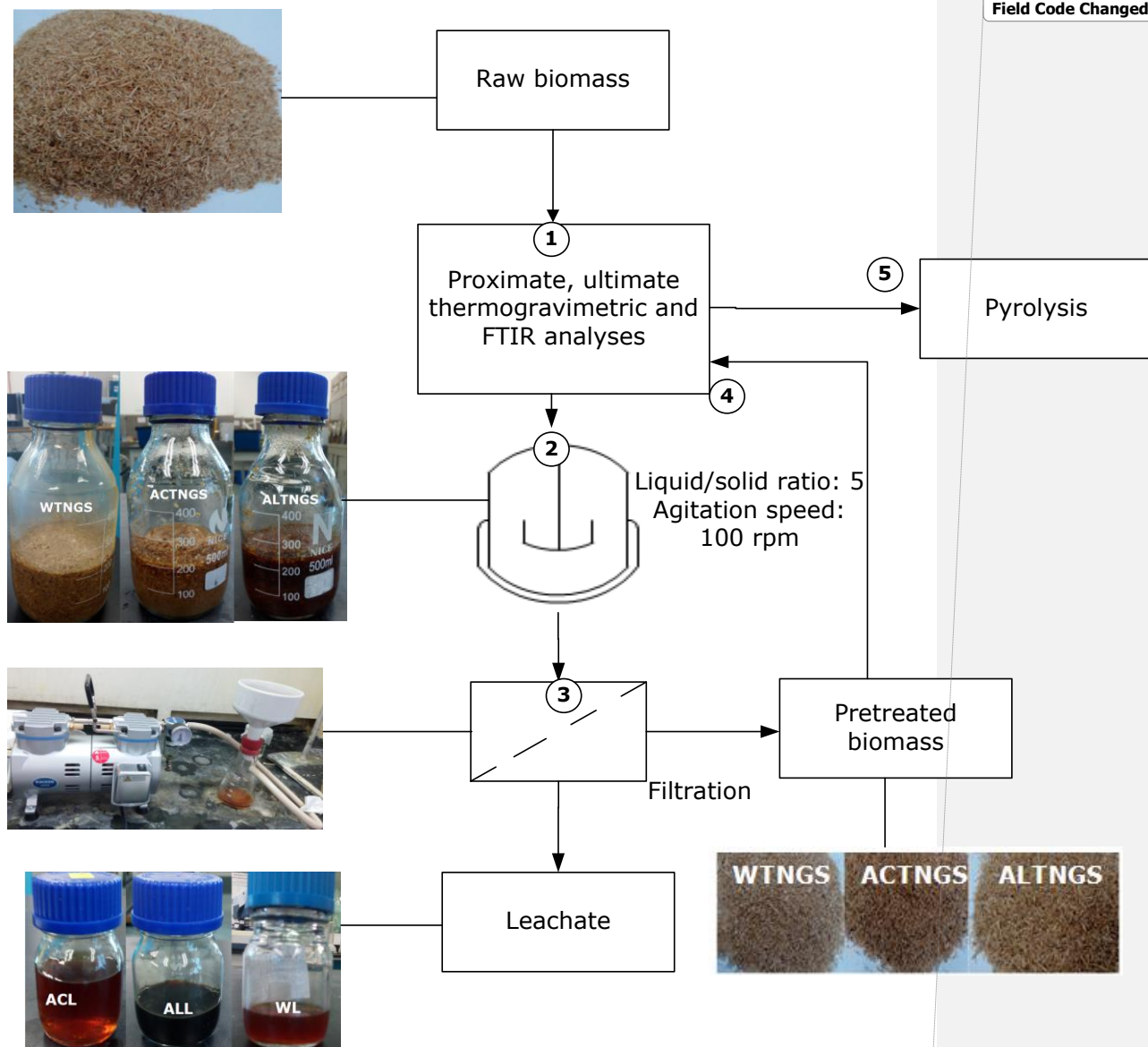
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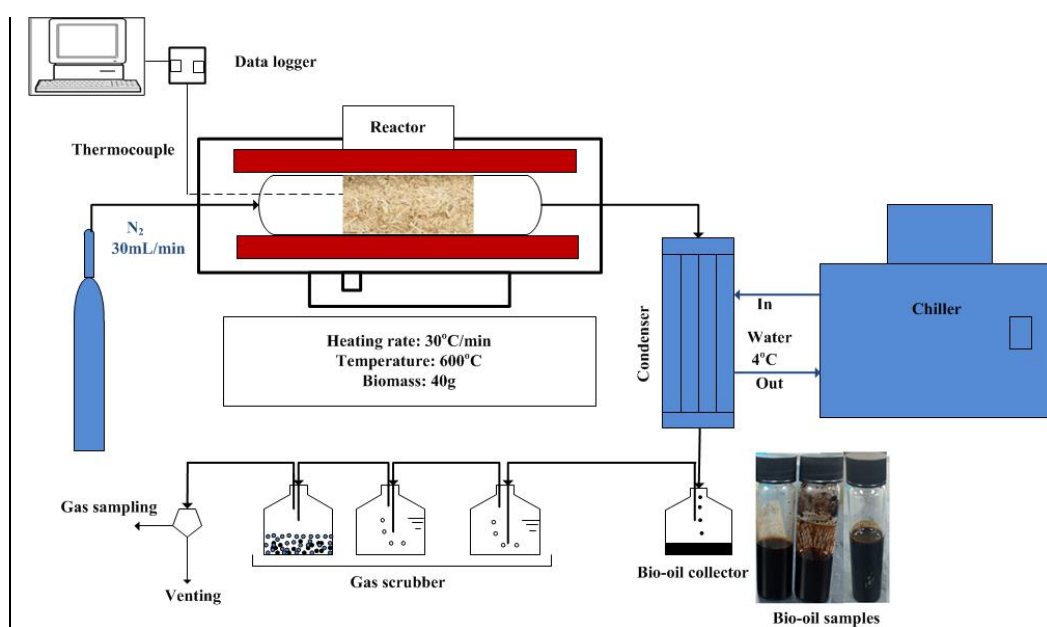
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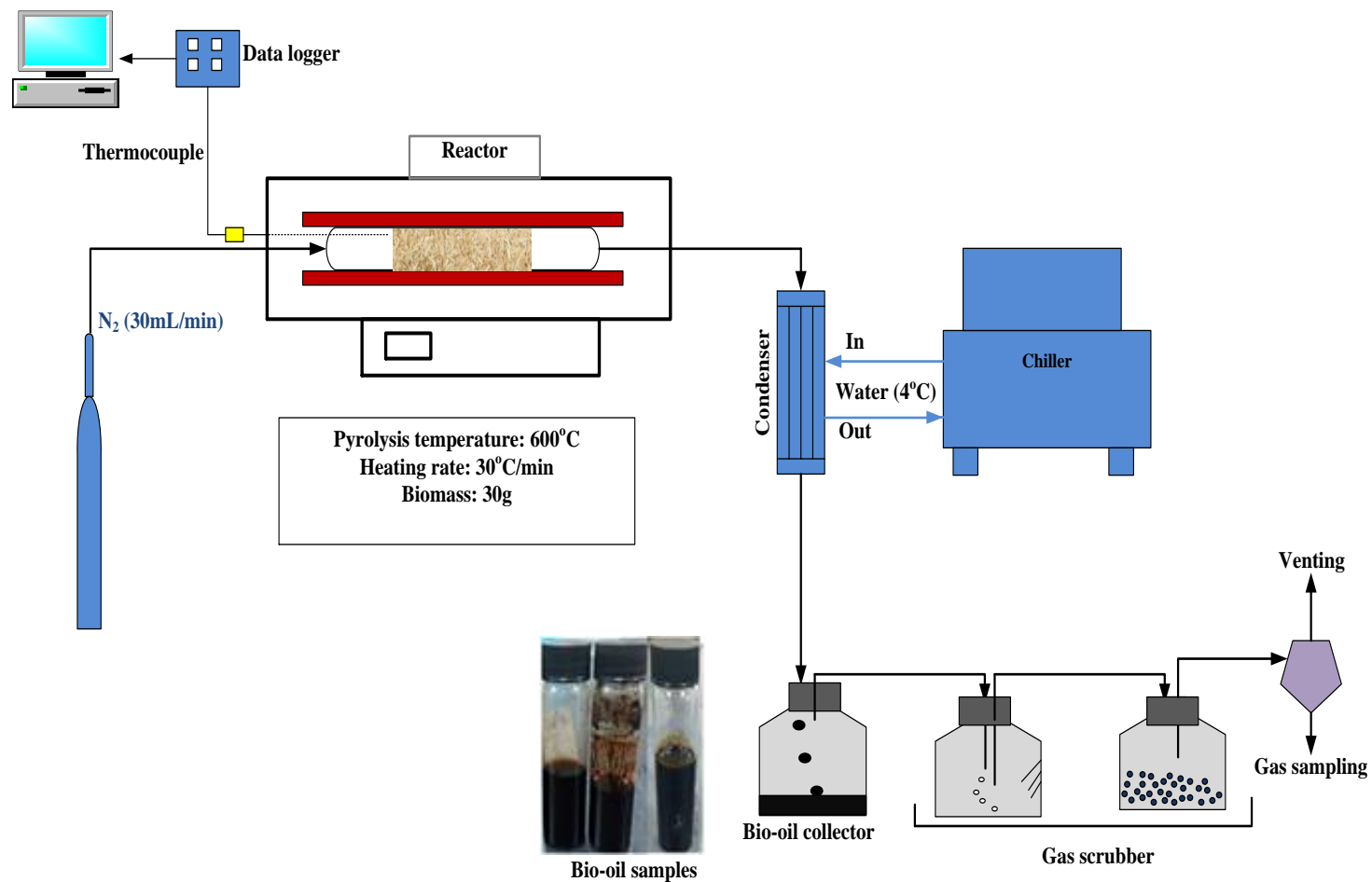
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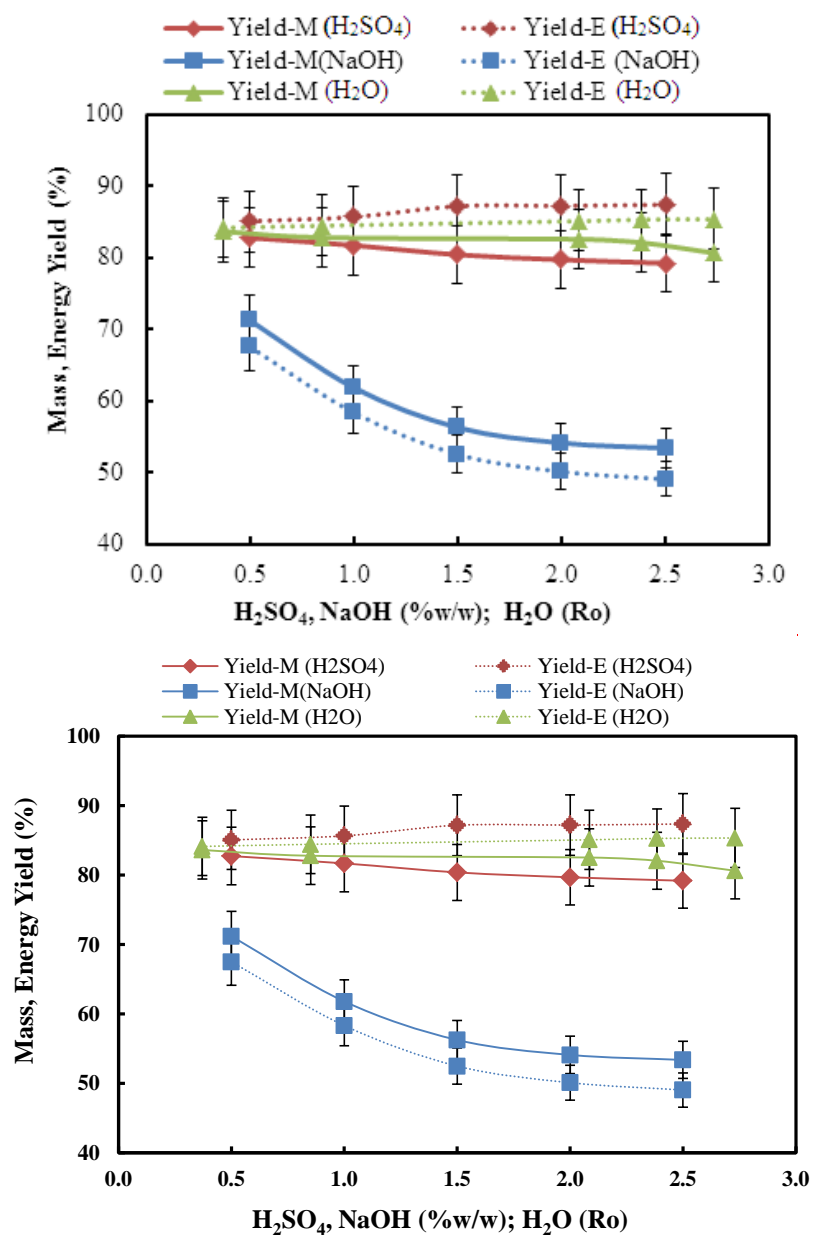


**Figure 1:** Pretreatment process flow diagram. (RNGS) raw NGS, (WTNGS) water treated NGS, (ACTNGS) acid treated NGS, (ALTNGS) alkaline treated NGS, (WL) water leachate, (ACL) acid leachate and (ALL) alkaline leachate.

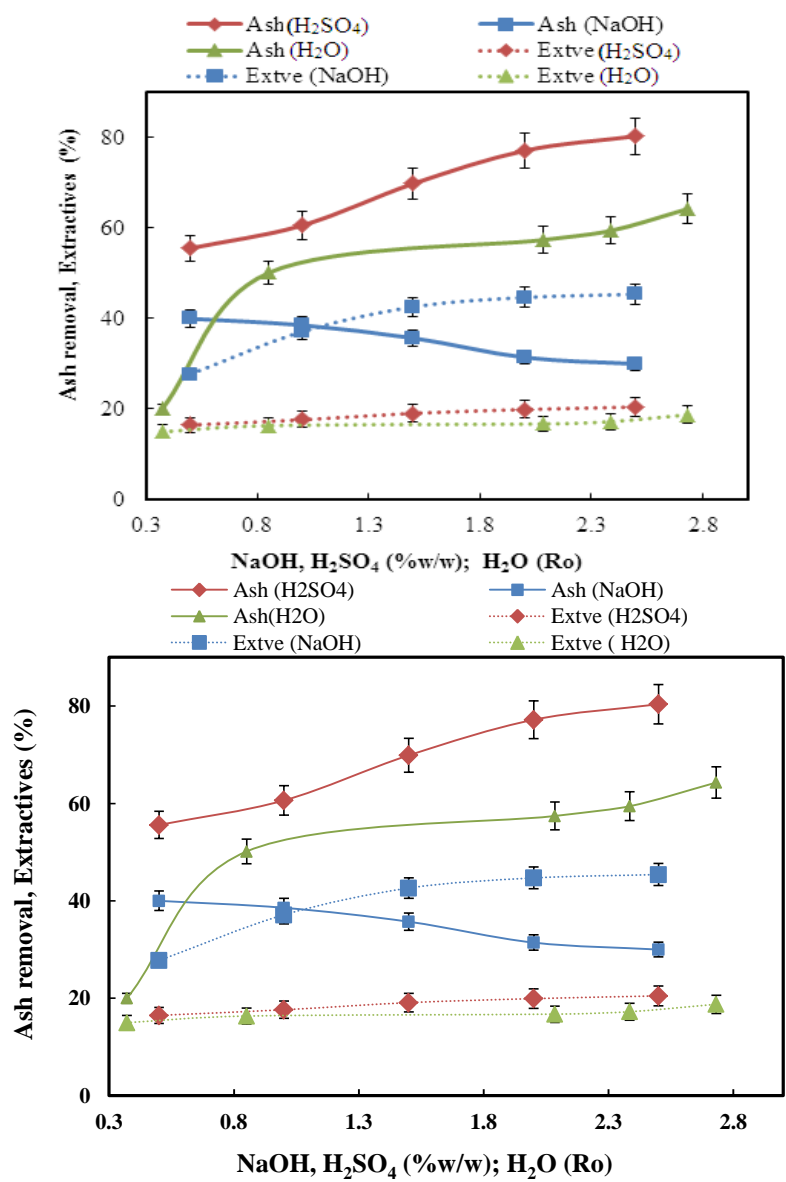


**Figure 2.** Pyrolysis system with a fixed bed reactor

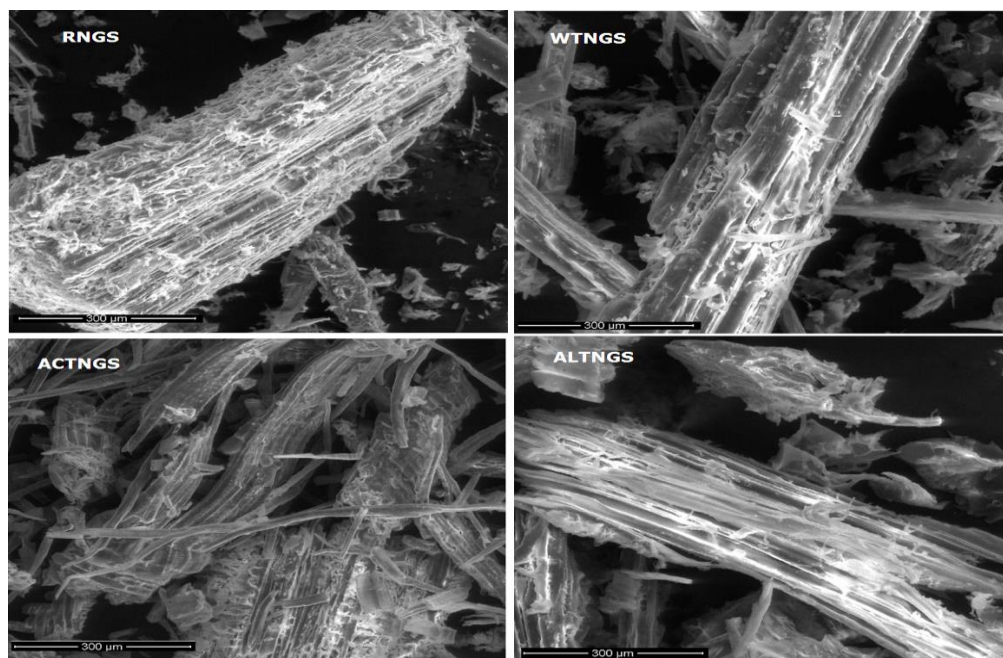




**Figure 3.** Mass and energy yield of pretreated samples. (YM) mass yield and (YE) energy yield

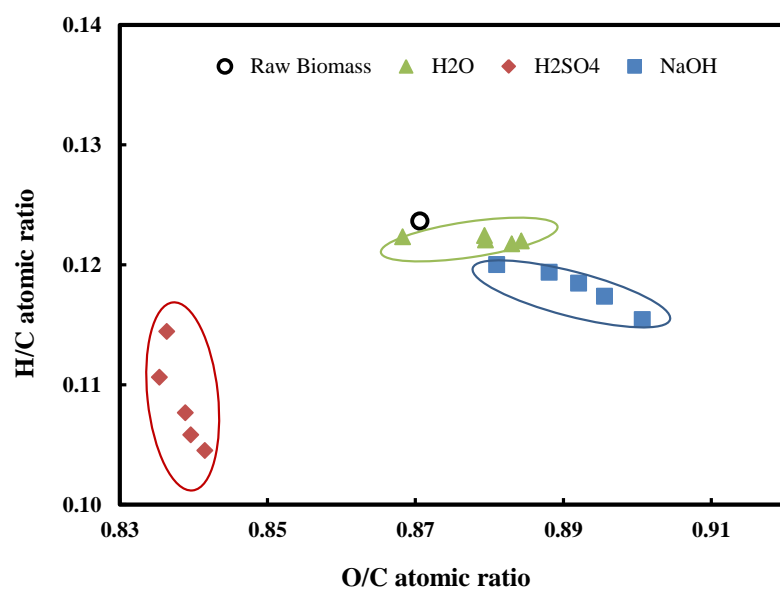
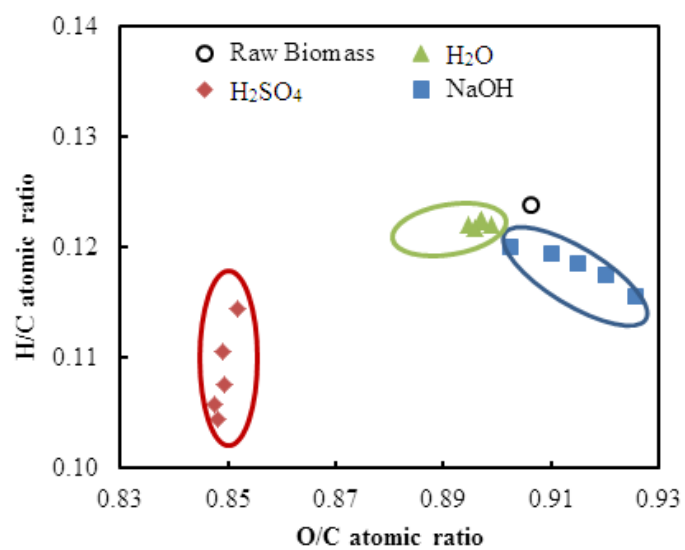


**Figure 4.** Effect of pretreatment solvents on ash removal and extractives from NGS.

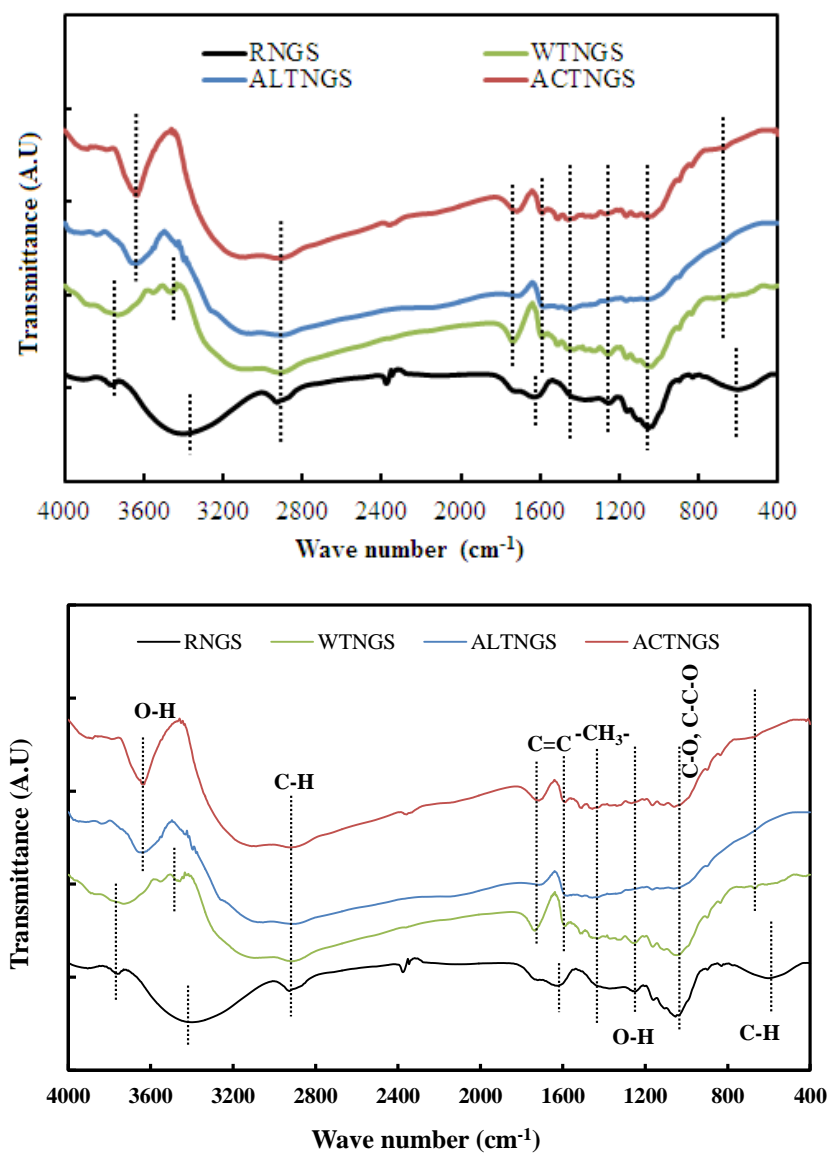


**Figure 5.** SEM images of raw and pretreated samples. Scanning conditions: HV (20kV), Mag (1200x). (RNGS) raw NGS, (WTNGS) water treated-Ro: 0.9, (ACTNGS) acid treated-1.5 w/w% H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and (ALTNGS) alkaline treated 1.5 w/w% NaOH

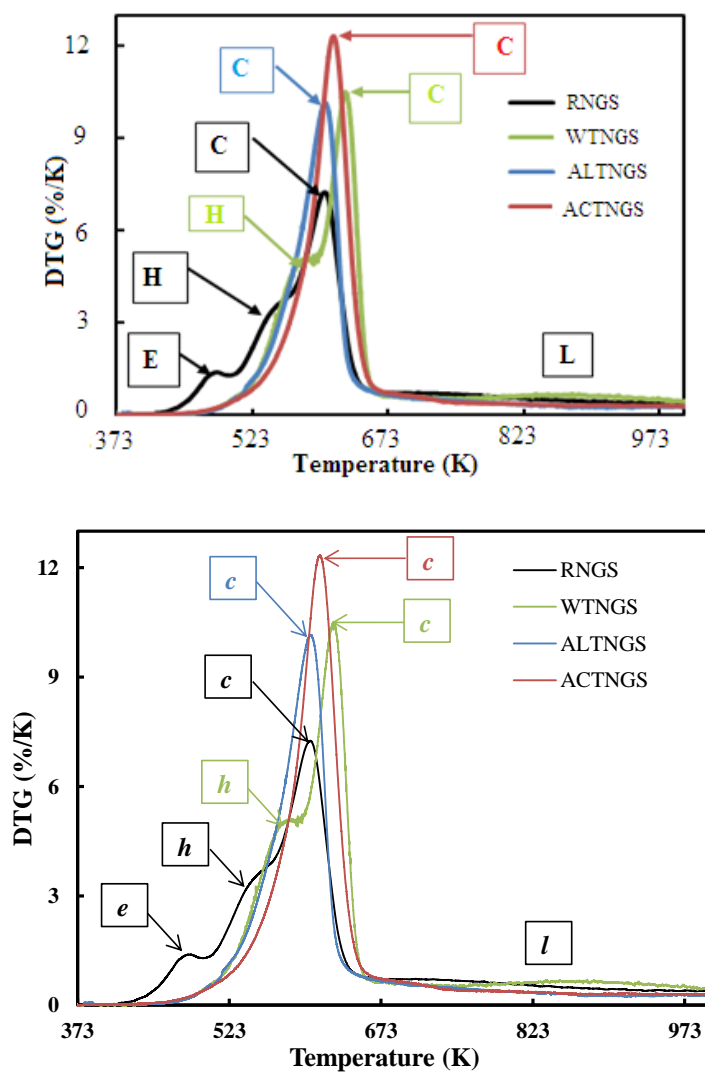




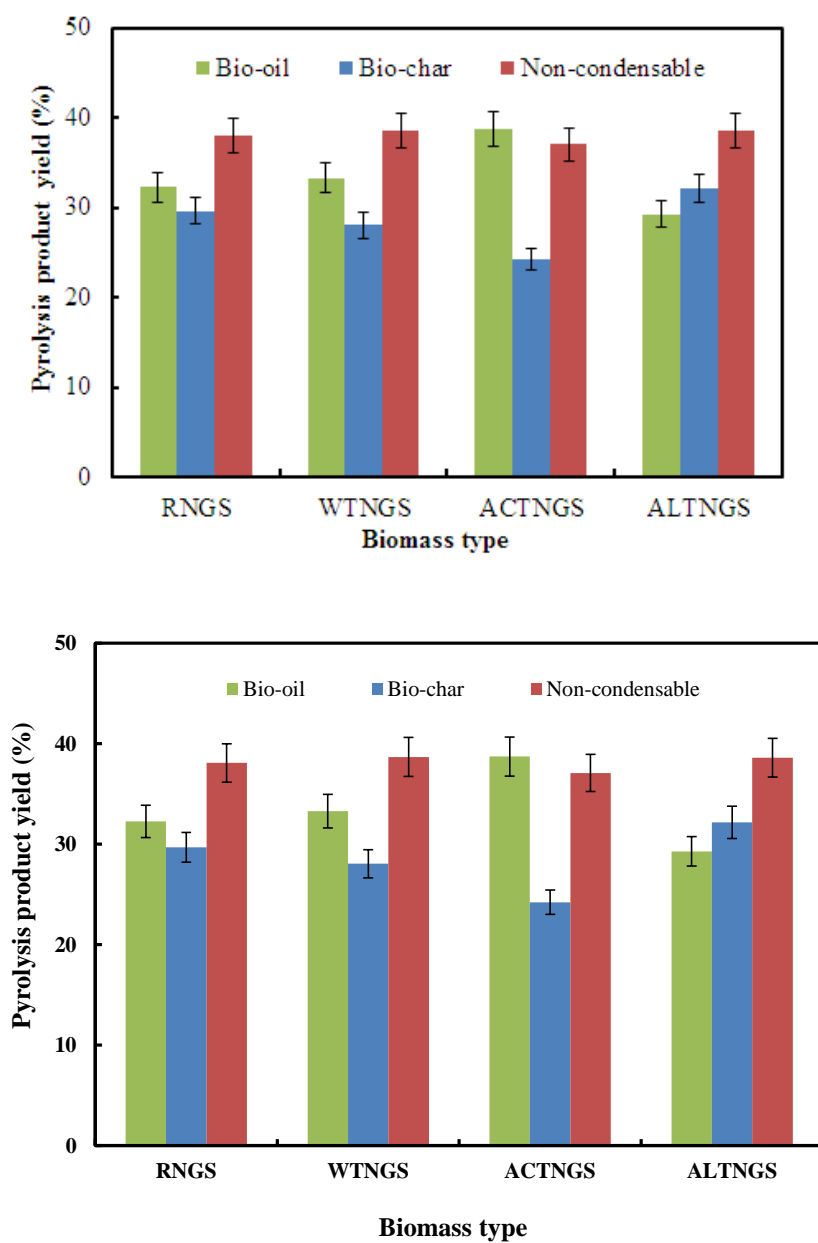
**Figure 6.** Van Krevelen plot raw and pretreated samples



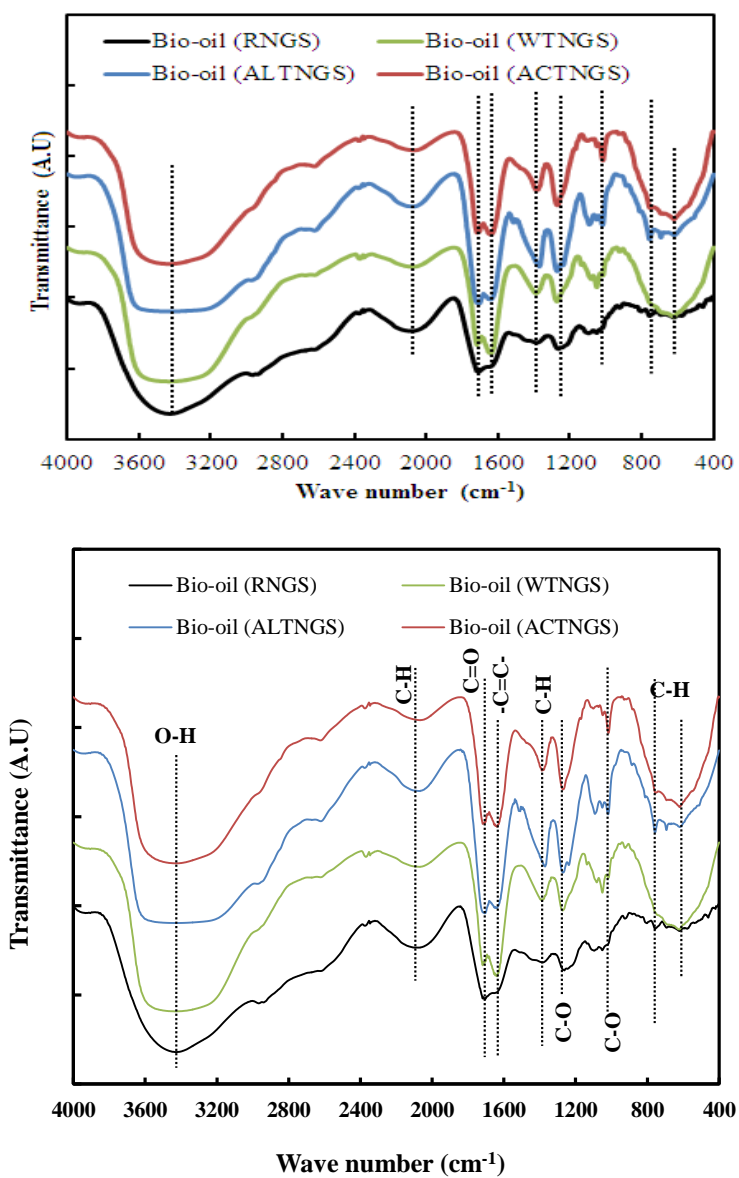
**Figure 7.** Averaged FTIR spectra (auto-smoothed and auto-baseline corrected) of Napier grass samples (RNGS, WTNG-0.9, ALTNGS-1.5% and ACTNGS-1.5%)



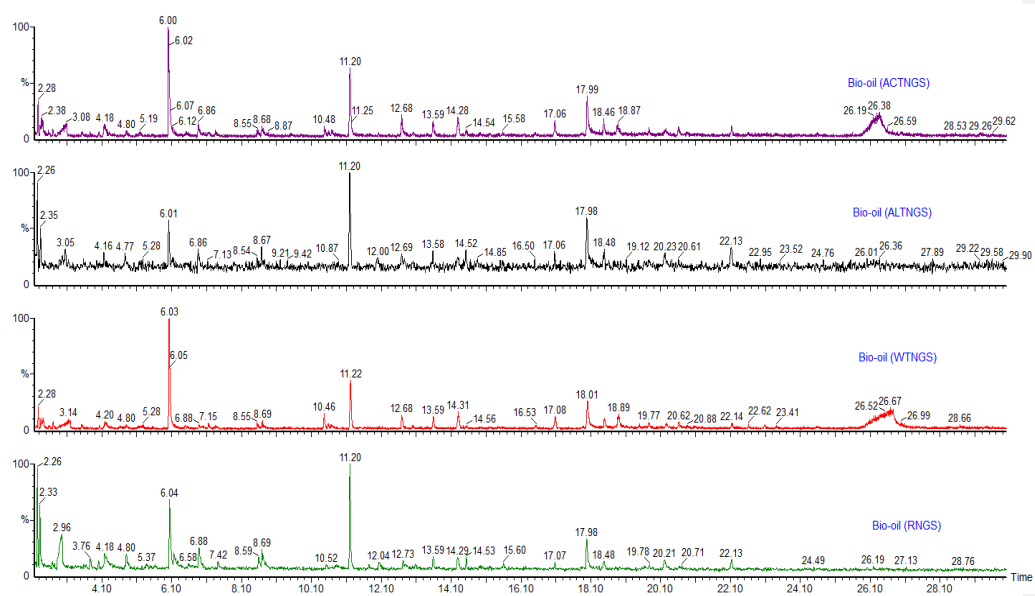
**Figure 8.** DTG of RNGS, ACTNGS and ALTNGS on dry basis. (*e*) Extractives; (*h*) Hemicellulose; (*c*) Cellulose; and (*l*) lignin decompositions. Condition: nitrogen atmosphere (20 mL/min), heating rate (10 K/min).



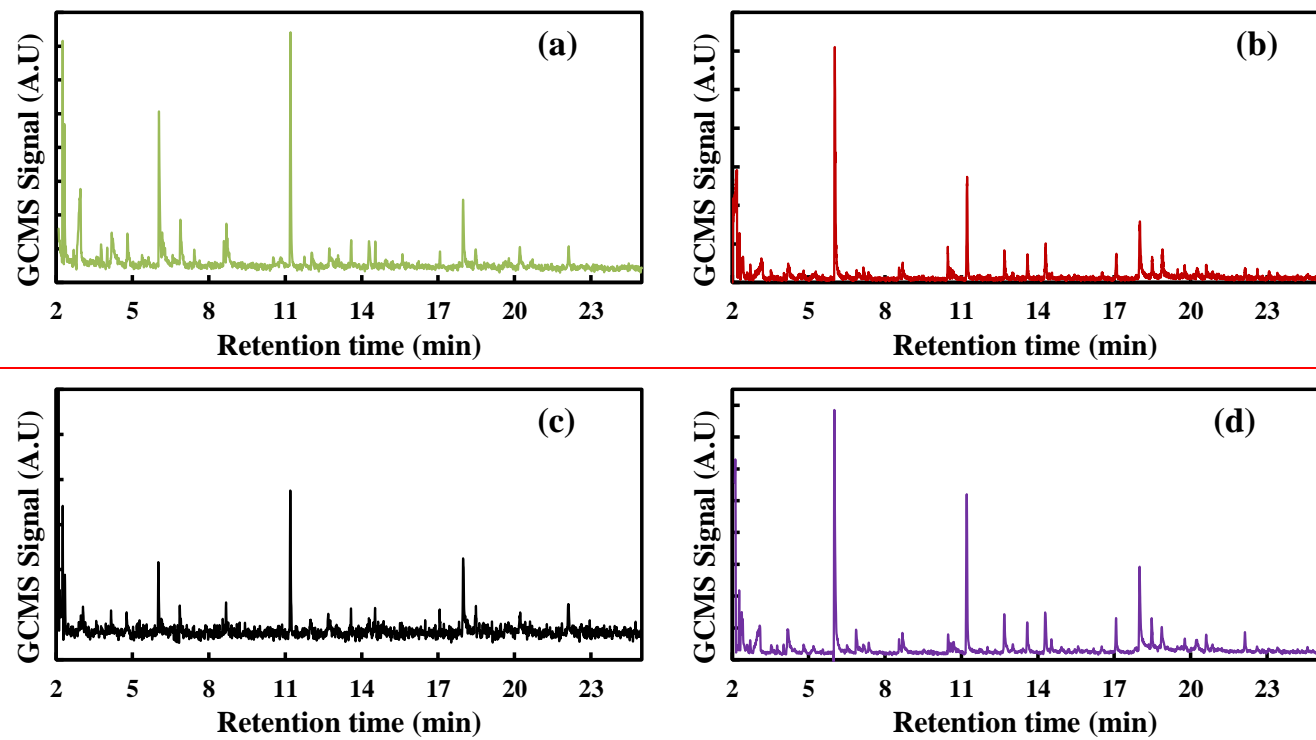
**Figure 9.** Pyrolysis products distribution from the raw and pretreated Napier grass samples. Biomass condition: bone dry, 0.2 to 2 mm particle size; heating rate: 30 °C/min, nitrogen flow rate: 30 mL/min; pyrolysis temperature: 600°C



**Figure 10.** Averaged FTIR spectra (auto-smoothed and auto-baseline corrected) of bio-oil from raw and pretreated samples



**Figure 11.** GC MS chromatogram of bio-oil samples from raw and pretreated Napier grass



**Figure 11.** GC-MS chromatogram of bio-oil samples Napier grass. (a) RNGS, (b) WTNGS, (c) ALTNGS, (d) ACTNGS

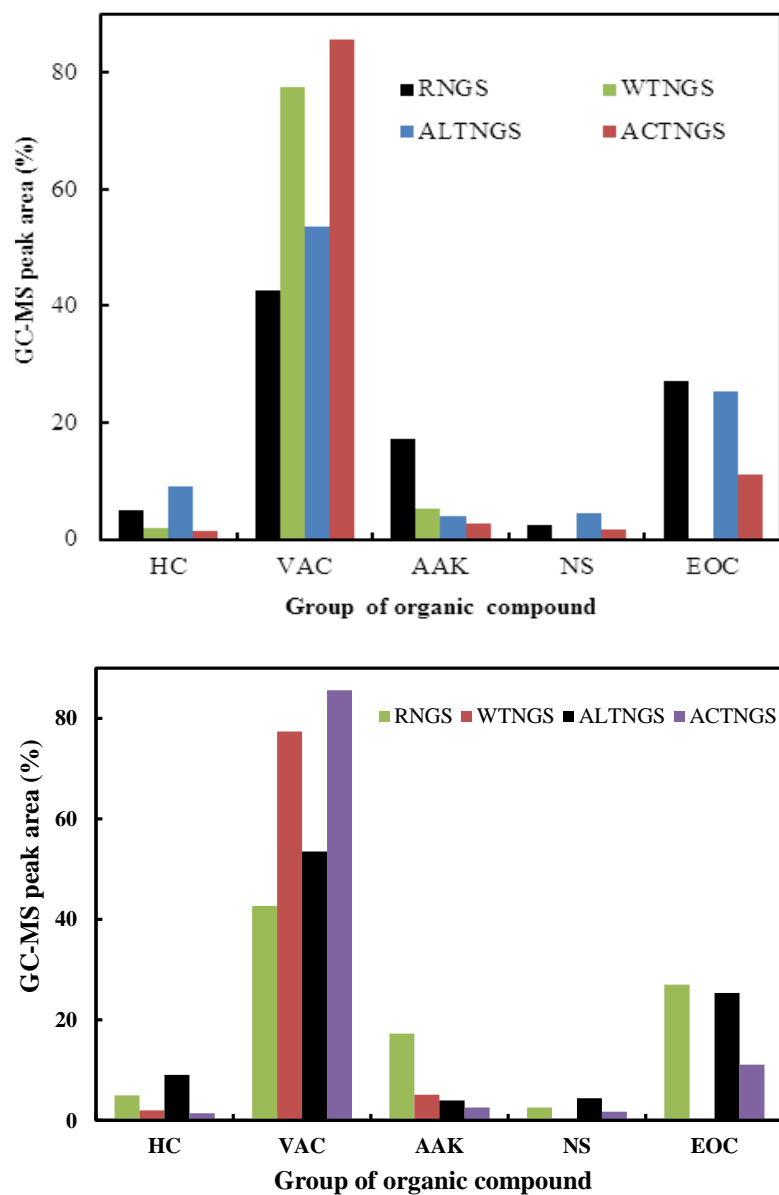


Figure 12. Classification of organic in the bio-oil from raw and pretreated NGS samples